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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

John Loyd Spence et al.

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For: SHALLOW METALLIC S-SEAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 14 with the following paragraph:

A1 - - In view of the above, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that there exists a need for improved metallic sealing rings with optimized sealing areas that can be used at high temperatures and pressures while providing high reliability and pressure tight sealing. This invention addresses this need in the art as well as other needs, which will become apparent to those skilled in the art once given this disclosure. - -
